

ELLINWOOD

Column Note Reunites College Friends After Several Years

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For those of you who read last week's column, it's no surprise to see my name appear here, but for those who didn't, I'll be "typing-in" for Janet Robinson for the next three months and hope to do as complete a job as she has the past year and a half.

An article which appeared in this column recently, brought together unexpectedly two Torrance couples who were students a number of years ago at Valjejo Jr. College in Vallejo, Calif.

The couples were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Westfall, 18402 Patroneia Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boe, 4515 Green Meadows Ave. The Westfalls, quite by chance, noticed that the Boes were entertaining relatives, so immediately they got in touch with them and had a most enjoyable time reminiscing and relating events which have happened to them since their college days.

Wednesday evening, the monthly get-together of several neighborhood women was held at the home of Jackie Carney, 5327 Sharynne Lane, Seaside Ranchos. Many were the exclamations of appreciation for the hostess's beautiful new room addition and interesting home decoration.

After a brief exchange of news items, we realized that in spite of the proximity of our homes, we hadn't visited with each other since before the holidays. Games were played and prizes awarded during the evening and a delicious variety of snacks, followed by cake and coffee were served by the hostess. Those attending included Gladys Clinton, Dorothy Frey, Helen Hackbusch, Lucy Pesusch, Janet Robinson, Agnes Rogers, Doris Udy, Mary Wilhelm, and Merla Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Patton of Ellinwood and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bustetter, of Westwood, have returned from a short vacation spent in that delightful and picturesque community of Guaymas, Mexico. Many hours were enjoyed fishing at San Carlos Bay, eating in the quaint Mexican restaurants, partying at the Playa de Cortez Hotel, and absorbing some of the relaxing, easy way of living for which our neighbors to the south are so well known.

Thursday morning, the monthly meeting of the Newton PTA executive board was held at the home of Mrs. William Forrest, 4515 Highgrove Ave. A surprise shower for one member of the board preceded the meeting and a gift of a beautiful baby stroller was presented to the honored guest, Mrs. Edward La Motte by the other board members. After the presentation, the hostess served delicious refreshments. The meeting was then called to order by the president, Mrs. Henry Graef, and business proceeded as usual. For one morning, however, it was pleasure before business.

Bridge, pineapple chiffon pie and coffee were the main features last Tuesday evening when Rosalie Davis entertained Jean Asher, Cecile Barszynski, Liz Patton, Janet Robinson, Janet Smith, Sonnie Tomchak and Barbara Weaver.

Our beautiful California weather made a lasting impression upon many out-of-state visitors who spent their first

Savings Firm Reports Peak 1956 Growth

The 73rd semi-annual statement of condition just released by S. Mark Taper, chairman of the board of American Savings and Loan Assn., shows the highest peak of growth in the association's 36-year history. With assets of \$115 millions, the association's reserves also are at an all-time high of \$9 million.

"Our accelerating growth is reflected in the fact that American Savings has paid nearly \$3 millions in interest to our investors during 1956 — the largest amount in the Association's history. We expect this record payment to be considerably surpassed in 1957," said Taper.

American Savings' investors total more than 50,000. The Association maintains offices in Manhattan Beach, Whittier, Friendly Hills, La Puente, Montrose, Redondo Beach and Temple City.

week of 1957 in Ellinwood.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Struble was Paul's mother, Mrs. Jennie Wilkinson, from Toledo, Ohio.

Other visitors from Ohio are Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Hooper from Cleveland. This is their first trip to California and they like it so much that after a short stay with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mehner, they intend to remain permanently.

Joe and Dottie Frey have been entertaining Joe's mother Mrs. Oscar Frey, from Lancaster, Pa. Included in her itinerary were dinner in Hollywood, seeing the film, "Anastasia," and a trip to Disneyland with her grandchildren.

She will also spend some time in Chula Vista visiting a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jaynes.

Bonner and Liz Adams, 4502 Pacific Coast Hwy., welcomed Liz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beaulieu, from Haverhill, Mass.

Visiting at the home of Maurice and Jo Quinn were Jo's cousin Evelyn and her husband, Thomas Monahan, of Situate, Mass. The Monahans took many sight-seeing tours of Southern California and included Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Farmer's Market, and attended the Rose Parade and Bowl Game. They enjoyed every minute of their visit but

were happy to return home to their daughter, Joan, who was staying with her paternal grandparents.

Ellinwoodites! Don't forget the PTA meeting at the Newton School cafeteria tonight at 8 p.m. when the foreign exchange students will donate the evening to us, to give us a more personal understanding of the way of life in their European countries. The most gracious way to show our interest is to attend.

Also watch this column for the name of the mother who will be on YOUR street Thursday evening, Jan. 31, for the Mother's March for funds to fight polio.

Like to Stand in Line? Renew License Now--DMV

Like to stand in lines?

A lot of Torrance motorists are going to get their 1957 auto license stickers the hard way, according to C. S. Caldwell, manager of the Torrance office of the Department of Motor Vehicles at 1907 Border Ave.

To date, only 7200 of an estimated 52,500 stickers have been issued in Torrance. Here, as in other parts of the state, people seem to be waiting until the last minute to pay their registration fees. This will mean long lines of people as the Feb. 4 deadline approaches, Caldwell predicted.

Early Registration "If more people don't try to get in early, we may have an awful mess at the last minute," he declared.

Noting that the renewals were running far behind the

same period last year, Caldwell said that the public always seems more anxious to pick up new license plates than renewal stickers.

The deadline for the 1957 vehicle registration is Feb. 4. After that date, penalties of up to 100 per cent are added to fees.

Fewer Apply

As of the close of business last Friday, only 1,150,858 owners had applied to Department of Motor Vehicles offices throughout the state for their 1957 registration certificates, or nearly half a million fewer than the total of 1,623,591 renewals for the same period last year.

"Actually, the lag is greater even than that," State Registrar Al Veglia pointed out. "For this year, the total number of vehicles to be regis-

tered is at least 5 per cent greater than last year. Obviously, any further delay on the part of owners in renewing the registration of their vehicles can only lead to a last minute crush."

Personnel Added

Veglia pointed out the Department of Motor Vehicles has substantially increased its personnel and facilities for handling this year's record registration in almost every area of the state.

A normal renewal, when the

CENSUS FIGURES

The first census of the United States taken in 1790 listed 3,929,214 inhabitants, a far cry from the 166 million now tabulated in the unofficial census figures of late in 1956.

vehicle owner presents the prepared fee statement card, can be completed in just 30 seconds at any DMV office, designated bank station or automobile club office.

"We are geared to give the motoring public the fastest possible service, so there is really no reason why motorists should not get this chore over early and avoid the rush," Veglia said.

Registration this year is evidenced by a red reflectorized sticker which can be attached in a jiffy to the rear license plate. And once it is attached, it can be removed only by destroying it.

So, cautions the DMV, use reasonable care in making the attachment. A duplicate costs \$2.

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